



Proclamation

With a central geographic location in the midst of the Pacific Ocean, Hawai'i has a tidal coastline of 1,052 miles, which is the fourth largest in the nation. It is this long coastline that has played a significant role in the lives of the Hawaiian people, as well as Hawai'i's culture, history, and traditions.

The Pacific Congress on Marine Science and Technology, otherwise known as PACON International, is a Hawai'i-based organization of marine scientists, engineers and policy makers dedicated to researching, sharing and disseminating ocean technology information among Pacific maritime nations. Their goal is to provide data to all participating nations in order to promote the environmentally sound use of ocean resources, while advancing the collective knowledge for the various marine related disciplines.

In order to encourage ocean awareness in the State of Hawai'i, PACON International is celebrating their 12th Annual Ocean Day at Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale Sanctuary on Maui, June 7, 2006, with the theme "*Tsunamis and Storm Surges*."

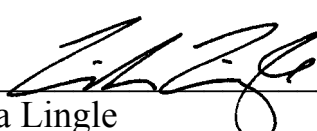
This event will showcase the significance of the ocean in the life of every Hawai'i resident.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim **June 7, 2006**, as


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in Hawai'i, and we call upon the people of Hawai'i to observe today by celebrating our shared marine environment. We both commend the many individuals, organizations and agencies within our state who are committed to raising awareness about the importance of our precious ocean resources and the role it plays in our daily lives.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of May 2006.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i